By the King.

A Proclamation for the well ordering the Trade and Vent of VVines thorowout the Kingdome.

THe Kings moſt excellent Majeſty, having publiſhed his Proclamation of the fifteenth of July laſt, for reforming of abuſes in the Trade of Wines, and for the well ordering the Trade and Vent thereof thorowout the Kingdom, Did thereby declare that the Merchants and Vintners of London, had aſſented to anſwer his Majeſty fourty ſhillings upon every Tun of wines which they ſhould import or ſell in groſſe, or by retail; and that for the more equall balancing the Trade of Wines thorowout the whole Kingdome, His Majeſtie did expect that all Merchants, and other Retailors of Wines in all other his Majeſties Ports, Cities, Boroughs, Towns, and places whatſoever, within the Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Barwick, ſhould conform themſelves in all things to the Order, Rule, and Government of the Merchants and Vintners of London. Since which time, ſundry Merchants, Vintners, and Retaylors of Wines in the out-Ports, and other places of the Kingdom (upon intimation of his Majeſties Royall grace and favour intended to them by that regulation) have yeelded their free conſents to anſwer the like duty.

His Majeſty now finding, That all the Merchants and Retailors of Wines thorowout the Kingdom, are equally intereſſed in the benefit ariſing by that his Princely favour, and to the end that the Trade and Vent of Wines in all parts of the Realm may be balanced in an equall way, Doth therefore (by advice of his Privy Councell) hereby declare his Royall Pleaſure to be, and doth Will and require, That all Merchants and other Retailors, and Importers of Wines, in all other his Majeſties Ports, Cinque-Ports, Cities, Boroughs, Towns and places whatſoever, within the Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, Port and Town of Barwick, ſhall conform themſelves in anſwering the like dutie of fourty ſhillings per Tun, and giving ſuch caution for the ſame, and in being regulated in all things according to the Order, Rule, and Government of the Merchants and Vintners of London; And ſhall duly ſatisfie and pay to his Majeſtie, or ſuch as he hath or ſhall authorize to receive the ſame, fourty ſhillings for every Tun of all ſorts of Wines whatſoever, and ſo proportionably for every leſſer quantity which they have ſold, and hereafter ſhall Import and Sell in Groſſe, or by Retail, upon pain of his Majeſties high diſpleaſure, and the penalties to enſue thereupon.

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And his Majeſty doth ſtraitly charge and command, That no Merchants, Maſters of Ships, Warriners, or other Importers of Wines into the Port of London, Cinque-Ports, or other Ports, Creeks or places whatſoever, Within the Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Barwick, that ſhall ſell any Wines in Groſſe to Vintners, or to any other perſon or perſons whatſoever, ſhall deliver any ſuch Wines ſo ſold, before notice thereof be by them given to his Majeſties Officer, or his Deputy, in the ſaid Port appointed to receive the ſaid duty, and his Certificate of ſatisfaction for the ſame, either by the Merchant or Importer himſelf, or by ſuch Vintner, or other perſons that ſhall buy the ſame; His Majeſty declaring and commanding that the ſaid duty ſhall be paid or ſecured at the delivery of all or any Wines ſold by the Merchant or Importer thereof.

And for ſuch Wines as any Merchants, or other Importers, ſhall deliver before ſuch Notice and Certificate, the ſame Merchants or Inporters themſelves, ſhall anſwer and pay the ſaid duty of fourty ſhillings per Tun, and ſo proportionably for every leſſer quantity, at ſuch time as his Majeſties Receivers, who ſhall be appointed in that behalf, ſhall require the ſame, whom his Majeſty doth authorize to demand and receive the ſaid duty, and to require an Accompt of the Merchants or Importers of Wines to whom they have delivered or diſpoſed of the ſame; And that all Vintners, or any other perſon or perſons that ſhall Import Wines to Retail, or ſpend in their own houſes, that ſuch Retailers and Perſons bee immediately charged with the ſaid duty, and to make payment thereof within thirty dayes next after the Importation of the ſaid Wines, upon pain of his Majeſties high diſpleaſure, and ſuch penalties and puniſhments as ſhall be thought meet to be inflicted upon the Offendors for their contempt of his Royall Commandment herein.

And his Majeſtie Willeth and commandeth, that no Maſter or Owner of any Ship, or other Veſſell, ſhall receive into his Ship or Veſſell any Wines to export or carry to any place, without Certificate firſt had from the Receivers of the ſaid duty, or his Deputy, in the Port where ſuch Wines ſhall be ſhipped or laden: And for the due payment of the aforeſaid duty, His Majeſty doth authorize ſuch perſons as he hath or ſhall, under his great Seal of England, aſſigne to receive the ſame, and their Deputies, to make ſearch in all Houſes, Vaults, Cellars, and other places where any Wines Imported, Bought or Sold, ſhall be, or ſhall be ſuſpected to be, which ought to pay the ſaid duty; And doth hereby command all his Subjects to permit the ſaid ſearch to be made, upon pain of his Majeſties high diſpleaſure, and the penalties which may enſue thereupon.

And his Majeſtie doth ſtraitly charge and command, as well all Juſtices of Peace, Maiors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Conſtables, Headboroughs, Tythingmen, as all his Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Farmours of his Cuſtomes, Surveyors, Searchers, Waiters, and other the Officers of and in all his Majeſties Ports and the members thereof, That they and every of them from time to time hereafter, take care that his Majeſties Royall Will and Pleaſure herein declared, be from time to time duly obſerved; And that they, and every of them, in their ſeverall Offices and Places reſpectively, without excuſe or delay, be favouring, aiding, and aſſiſting to the ſaid Officer, or Officers, and their Deputies and Searchers, in the due execution of all or any the Premiſſes, when they ſhall be thereunto required, as they will anſwer for the contrary at their perils.

Given at the Court at Whitehall the one and twentieth day of December, in the fourteenth yeer of His Majeſties Reign.

God ſave the King.

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